ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A network device control unit and method are
provided in which, not all MIB objects under the control of
5   the network management software are simultaneously acquired
during startup of the network management software so the
almost simultaneous flow of a large volume of SNMP packets
in the LAN will not occur and along with a simultaneous
reduction in the load on communications lines, the load on
10   devices such as the printer and network board processing
their SNMP packets will also become small. To accomplish this,
windows allocated to individual network peripheral devices
on a one to one basis and controlling the network device are
utilized as device windows, and information to be displayed
15   on the initial screen of the device window is acquired as
the initial sheet and displayed. Device windows also acquire
and display different sheet information on the device window
when determined an entry has been made by the user requesting
display of a different type of sheet information.

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